
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice Date: July 1, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SCOPING MEETING

STRATEGIC SHALLOW WATER PLACEMENT PROJECT TO RESTORE SAN FRANCISCO BAY'S NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITH DREDGED SEDIMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting to seek public input regarding the scope, content, and potential impacts of the Strategic Shallow Water Placement Project at the time and location provided below. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) plans to pilot a new method of beneficially reusing dredged sediment to enhance wetland recovery and protect communities from storms and rising seas. USACE dredges sediment from portions of San Francisco Bay to maintain safe navigation in shipping channels. This project proposes placing some of this dredged sediment in shallow water offshore of Eden Landing Ecological Reserve where water currents should disperse it onto mudflats and marshes, mimicking natural processes of marsh development and maintenance. USACE anticipates that strategically placing sediment in this manner will be an important tool for maintaining resilient mudflats and marshes in the face of climate change.

DATE: Friday, July 15, 2022

TIME: 12 PM to 1 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION

1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Room 1505
Oakland, CA 94612

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/98656183328?pwd=T01RakJ0MmgxZW1aaFRzYkFLQWQ4Zz09>

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MEETING FORMAT

The meeting will begin with a USACE presentation and discussion on the project and alternatives currently under consideration. As the lead CEQA agency, Water Board staff will then begin CEQA scoping (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15082, subd. (c), 15083). We seek your input on the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in the environmental document. Input received at the meeting and in follow-up comments submitted by **July 31, 2022**, will inform drafting of the environmental document, which we anticipate will be available for comment in the Fall.